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**OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE**  
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**TO:** GOVERNOR  
**FROM:** BOYD  
**SUBJECT:** COASTAL IMPACT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM  
**DATE:** 3/2/2001  
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Please find following attached

1. Summary information regarding the Coastal Impact Assistance Program (aka: CARA-lite) as provided by the Coastal States Organization;
2. Relevant sections of the FY 2001 Commerce, Justice, and State Departments Appropriations Bill regarding CIAP;
3. A letter from NOAA (dated 2/2/01) requesting designation of a lead state agency;
4. A letter designating DEQ as the Lead Agency for this program.

A significant amount of preparation must go into the state plan before the July 1, 2001 deadline, so designation should be made as soon as possible. There are other concerns regarding this decision that must be considered (i.e., public perception that DMR will be responsible for this program). As you know, Michael Olivier, Harrison County Development Commission, held a meeting regarding CIAP, March 1 in Biloxi.

Please contact me 942-7667 so that we may discuss further.